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SUBJECT: HEYKAL ON ISRAELI PENETRATION OF WEST BANK

1. OCTOBER 28 AHRAH CARRIES EXCEPTIONAL ARTICLE BY HEYKAL EXPLAINING CAUSES AND MEANING OF ISRAELI PENETRATION OF EGYPTIAN WEST BANK. POINT OF ARTICLE IS THAT (A) INTELLIGENCE FROM US SR-71 FLIGHTS OF OCTOBER 13 WAS PASSED TO ISRAELIS AND SHOWED THEM WEAKEST POINT OF EGYPTIAN LINE ON EAST BANK OF CANAL. ISRAELI PENETRATION BEGAN NIGHT OF OCTOBER 15 IN FORM OF "COMMANDO TANKS" OPERATING IN ISOLATED FASHION; (B) OVER PERIOD OF ONE WEEK, ISRAELIS WERE ABLE TO MOVE IN SMALL GROUPS DOWN TOWARD SOUTH END OF BITTER LAKE ON WEST BANK, BUT NOT IN GREAT FORCE; (C) MOST OF ISRAELI GAINS ON WEST BANK OCCURRED AFTER OCTOBER 22 CEASEFIRE; (D) EGYPTIAN MILITARY SITUATION IS STILL GOOD, AND ISRAELI FORCE ON WEST BANK CONSIST OF ONLY SOME "GUERRILLA TANKS," WITHOUT CONCENTRATION OR DEPTH, WHILE EGYPTIAN ARMY MAINTAINS HOLD OF LARGE PARTS OF SINAI.

2. COMMENT: HEYKAL'S ARTICLE IS HIGHLY DETAILED AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MAPS SHOWING ISRAELI FORCES MOVING ACROSS CANAL LIKE SOME MALIGNANT BUT CONTAINABLE DISEASE.

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ARTICLE AIMS AT MINIMIZING SERIOUSNESS OF IDF PENETRATION,

AND SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS NOT CAUSED BY ANY EGYPTIAN  
DEFICIENCY. TO ACHIEVE LAST PURPOSE, HEYKAL FOCUSES ON US  
AS POWER WHICH PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH NECESSARY INTELLIGENCE  
TO BREAK EGYPTIAN LINE.

3. RELATED DEVELOPMENT IS NOTED IN OCTOBER 28 CAIRO PRESS  
THAT GOE HAS ASKED TURKISH GOVERNMENT FOR REASONS WHY TURKISH  
AIR BASES ARE BEING USED BY US RECONNAISSANCE PLANES THAT  
SPY ON EGYPT.  
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